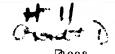
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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111 TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED NOVEMBER 7, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action mailed November 7, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments and remarks be considered and made of record.

It is submitted that the amendments to the claims place them in condition for allowance or in better form for appeal and present no new matter.